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SUBJECT: TELEPHONE MORATORIUM CLARIFICATION

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1. REFTEL REITERATES THAT A MORATORIUM HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE JANUARY 1975 ON ALL INSTALLATION PROJECTS FOR REPLACEMENT EPABX'S AND KEY SECRETARIAL PHONE SYSTEMS SUBJECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND STAFFING OF ONE ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE TECHNICIAN POSITION IN EACH GEOGRAPHICAL AREA.

2. THE EMBASSY FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO RATIONALIZE SUCH A WITHIN HOUSE MORATORIUM WHICH WITHHOLDS FULL EMPLOYMENT OF TECHNICAL PERSONNEL RESOURCES ALREADY IN THE FIELD IN ORDER TO EFFECT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL POSITIONS. PRACTICALLY EVERY POST IN THE MISSION HAS TELEPHONE INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING EPABX'S AT SEVERAL POSTS. THE MORATORIUM TO DATE HAS SIGNIFICANTLY DELAYED INSTALLATION SCHEDULES.

3. IT IS HOPED THAT A MORE EFFICIENT METHOD MAY BE FOUND TO ESTABLISH NEW TELEPHONE TECHNICIAN POSITIONS, AND THAT THE MORATORIUM ON INSTALLATION OF TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT WILL BE LIFTED WITHOUT DELAY.

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